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Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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Excellency,

In my capacity as Rapporteur on follow-up to concluding observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), I have the honor to refer to the examination of the ninth periodic reports of Ukraine, at the Committee's eighty-third session, held in October 2022. At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations (CEDAW/C/UKR/CO/9) were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that in paragraph 51 on follow-up to the concluding observations, the Committee requested Ukraine to provide, within two years, written information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 12, 16 (c) (i) and 32 (b) of the concluding observations, namely:

- "12. The Committee calls upon the State party to implement the recommendations contained in the present concluding observations, giving due consideration to its general recommendations No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations and No. 32 (2014) on the gender-related dimensions of refugee status, asylum, nationality and statelessness of women. It recommends that the State party consider seeking international assistance, as needed, for the implementation of the recommendations, including technical assistance by the Committee."
- "16. In line with the Convention and its general recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post- conflict situations, the Committee urges the State party to:
- (c) Comply with its due diligence obligation to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish perpetrators of acts of sexual and other forms of conflict-related gender-based violence against women and girls by State and non-State actors, including by:
- (i) Collecting evidence in cases of conflict-related sexual violence, in cooperation with civil society organizations and international investigative bodies, including for prosecution before international courts, and in line with the International Protocol on the Documentation and Investigation of Sexual Violence in Conflict."
- "32. Recalling its general recommendation No. 38 (2020) on trafficking in women and girls in the context of global migration, the Committee recommends that the State party:

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(b) Strengthen its efforts to address the risk of human trafficking for women and girls residing in conflict-affected areas, refugee women and girls, girls in institutions and Roma girls, strengthen services to provide identity documents to girls in State-run institutions and Roma girls, and enhance awareness-raising activities and bilateral, regional and international cooperation with States of transit and destination of Ukrainian refugee women and girls to prevent trafficking."

Although the information sought by the Committee was due in November 2024, it has not been received to date. Accordingly, I would be grateful for clarification as to the current status of your Government's response on the matters.

The Committee looks forward to pursuing the constructive dialogue it has started with the authorities of Ukraine on the implementation of the Convention. In this context, the Committee seeks to receive your response to this reminder within one month of the date of this correspondence.

Please note that this response should be precise and should not exceed a maximum length of **3,500 words**, including footnotes. You may attach a limited number of annexes containing statistical data only which are not counted for the word limit. Please also send a **Word electronic version** of the information requested to the Secretariat of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by email to ohchr-cedaw@un.org.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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